

## Imperialism

Standards addressed:

***Understand how and why people create, maintain, or change systems of power, authority, and governance.***

***Understand the effect of economic needs and wants on individual and group decisions.***

***Understand the effects of geographic factors on historical events.***

What were some of the methods by which the United States expanded its economic and political influence around the world in the late 1800s and early 1900s? How did economic interests sometimes lead to military action? Cite specific examples -- such as Japan, Hawaii, Cuba, the Philippines, China, Panama, and/or Nicaragua -- in your answer. What role did the geography of these locations play? Cite specific examples such as Panama Canal, Cuba, Mexico, etc. in your answer. How does our government from this era compare to our government today?

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CATEGORY	Excellent (Full points)	Good (3/4 points)	2 (1/2 points)	1 (0 points)
Quality of Information  40	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It includes several supporting details and/ or examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It provides 1-2 supporting details and/ or examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. No details and/ or examples are given.	Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic.

Amount of Information 10	All topics are addressed and all questions answered with at least 2 sentences about each.	All topics are addressed and most questions answered with at least 2 sentences about each.	All topics are addressed, and most questions answered with 1 sentence about each.	One or more topics were not addressed.
Mechanics 10	No grammatical , spelling or punctuation errors.	Almost no grammatical , spelling or punctuation errors	A few grammatical spelling, or punctuation errors.	Many grammatical , spelling, or punctuation errors.
Organization 10	Information is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs		Information is organized, but paragraphs are not well-constructed.	The information appears to be disorganized .